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**Obey in STANLEY for BRIEFING
on PLANS TO REPLACE The Lake CHAPMAN DAM**

STANLEY, WI - Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Stanley today for a briefing on plans to replace the Lake Chapman Dam. Obey secured \$630,000 in federal predisaster hazard mitigation funds last year to help the City with the project.

"As the old saw goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The Lake Chapman Dam is seventy-five years old and it's time for it to be replaced," said Obey. "I'm glad we were able to secure the funds to help Stanley replace the dam without putting too large a burden on local taxpayers, and I'm happy to be here today to see first hand how they plan to proceed."

"For what we spend on the war in Iraq, we could fully fund a project like this every two minutes," Obey added. "That just goes to show you how much we could be doing here at home if we weren't stuck in this misbegotten war."

The Lake Chapman Dam is a concrete structure that, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, shows signs of accelerated deterioration. The poor condition of the dam allows for only passing half the required flood flow through the spillway control structure, which itself is in poor operating condition.

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